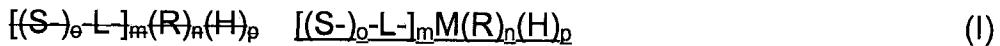


AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace Paragraphs [0002], [0048], and [0097] with the following paragraphs rewritten in amendment format to correct the following typographical and minor errors. The paragraph numbers correspond to the numbering used in the present published application 2005/0182169 from Aug. 18, 2005.

[0002] Aqueous dispersions of inorganic nanoparticles with their surface modified with at least one compound of the general formula I:



[0048] (D) at least one ~~wetting~~ crosslinking agent,

[0097] In the general formula ~~III~~ IV the variable X stands for an oxygen atom, sulfur atom and/or group $>NR^6$, in which R^6 denotes an alkyl group having from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, especially methyl, ethyl, propyl, and n-butyl. Preferably, X stands for an oxygen atom.